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SUBJECT: CSCE AND SOVIET TIMING

FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT FROM HYLAND

1. AS YOU REQUESTED, FOLLOWING IS INR RUNDOWN ON SOVIET  
VIEW OF TIMING RELATED TO UPCOMING EVENTS, ESPECIALLY CSCE.

2. SOVIET PRESS SPOKESMAN ZAMYATIN SAID IN PARIS LAST WEEK  
THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE CSCE SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD IN  
HELSINKI "DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1975." IN POINT OF  
FACT, SOVIET INTERESTS WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY WELL SERVED  
IF THE CURRENT STAGE OF CSCE WERE TO CONCLUDE BY MAY, WITH  
A DECISION THAT STAGE III WOULD BE CONVENED AT THE SUMMIT  
LEVEL BY MID-1975.

3. IN THEIR RECENT BILATERAL SUMMITS WITH THE US, WEST  
GERMANY, AND FRANCE, THE SOVIETS CLEARLY HAVE BEEN AIMING  
AT A SCHEDULE THAT TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING CONSID-  
ERATIONS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAILOR THEIR TACTICS AT  
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GENEVA TO FIT IT. WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE CSCE IN

SIGHT BY MAY:

(A)--THE OBSERVANCE THAT MONTH OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE COULD FOCUS ON CSCE  
RESULTS AND WITH MORE RESONANCE ABROAD.

(B)--A CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE WARSAW PACT MIGHT BE EASIER TO CONVENE.

(C)--A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE WOULD ALSO BE EASIER  
TO CONVOKE, AND IT COULD LOOK BACK ON CSCE ACHIEVEMENTS  
AND THEREBY AVOID MORE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE WARSAW PACT  
MEETING LAST APRIL SAID THAT "VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED" ON  
THE CELEBRATION OF THE WARSAW TREATY ANNIVERSARY IN MAY  
1975, BUT CLEARLY NOTHING HAD BEEN AGREED UPON. THE  
COMMUNIQUE OF A CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN OCTOBER DEVOTED  
TO THE CONVOCATION OF A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE  
SAID ONLY THAT "A DESIRE WAS EXPRESSED" THAT THE CONFER-  
ENCE MEET NO LATER THAN MID-1975. HOWEVER, SOVIET DELE-  
GATE PONOMAREV SAID IN HIS SPEECH THAT THE SOVIETS WERE  
ASSUMING THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD "AFTER THE END OF  
CSCE." INGERSOLL

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